

Minutes Approved: _____

***BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2011***

The Board of Health met at 7:00 pm at the Ritter Administration Building

Present: Chairman George Emond, Dave Shea and Jack Rabbitt

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS REVIEWED:

511 Flat Hill Road
110 Mulpus Road
30 Eastern Avenue

SEPTIC PERMITS SIGNED:

127 Highland Street
493 West Townsend Road, Lot 2
653 Lancaster Avenue

335 HIGHLAND STREET

Dan Proctor met with the Board on the owner. This matter was continued from June 20, 2011. A plan for a five (5) bedroom systems was presented to the Board. Given the site conditions, there isn't an alternative and all wells are greater than 100 feet from the proposed system.

After discussion and on motion by Shea and second by Rabbit, variances unanimously approved.

LUNENBURG FARMERS MARKET

Chairman Emond presented a draft copy of a Policy for Farmers Markets and explained that it was at the request of the Town Manager that a codification of the Farmers Market rules into a policy of the board would be helpful to provide some governance of this activity. Members Shea and Rabbitt asked why raw meats were not allowed in the draft. Mr. Emond explained that in his research he found that although the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources listed Meat and Poultry as acceptable, the Mass. Department of Public Health list did not and he felt that this lack indicated that the DPH did not endorse the sale of meat. Also, Mr. Emond said that a Purdue University Extension Service "Food Safety Regulations for Farmers' Markets" publication (EC-740) listed meats as "risky" and it was his feeling that the Board would rather err on the side of caution rather than risk someone getting sick.

A vigorous discussion ensued with Mr. Shea voicing his opinion that he felt that if the risk was great then other cities and towns also would not allow the sale of meat, and

further felt that since others were selling meat, in his opinion the risk was small. Mr. Rabbit echoed his comments.

Mr. Rabbit said that he felt that a Farmers Market should offer as much a variety of items as possible, and felt that meat should be sold.

Comments were also heard from Mr. Matt Latanzi, a local farmer who wishes to sell meat at the local Farmers Market.

After further discussion, Mr. Emond offered an amended copy of the draft for motion. A motion was not forthcoming and the policy was not adopted.

Mr. Shea then offered the following for consideration :

“The intent of this policy is to insure that farm products sold at any farmers market within the Town of Lunenburg are sold subject to the conditions within these guidelines so as to insure the health of those who will purchase these items.

Vendors of potentially hazardous foods (meat, cheese, tofu and fish) are responsible for complying with all requirements and licenses set by the town of Lunenburg, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Government and need to provide a certificate of their local Board of Health permit with their applications. “

Mr. Rabbitt made a motion to accept the above as the Lunenburg BOH Policy regarding Farmers' Markets.

Mr. Shea seconded. Mr. Shea and Mr. Rabbitt voted for the policy, Mr. Emond voted against. The policy is adopted by a vote of 2 to 1.

Mr. Lattanzi handed out copies of his qualifications to sell meat to the board members.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A representative of Habitat for Humanities asked the Board for permission to park up to 6 Recreational Vehicles at Shady Point Campground from September 25, to October 9, which period is after the normal seasonal closing, while their group performed work in the area. Permission was granted by unanimous vote of the Board. Mr. Emond said that the Board would need a letter from the Campground owner or manager. Once the letter is received, a formal letter granting permission will be sent to Shady Point.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.